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Announcing a Call for Papers

2nd Annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues University of Rhode Island, April 10-12, 1996

Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and members of the greater Rhode Island community are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. We are looking for presentations on a wide variety of topics that encompass performance and/or other forms of artistic expression as well as scholarly research. This will be a unique opportunity for everyone to discuss and exchange ideas and information. We especially encourage presentations that examine ethnic and racial diversities as they impact on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. We invite community organizers/organizations and members of other colleges and universities in the state to participate in a roundtable discussion of campus advocacy and activism.

Barbara Smith, this year's special fellow to the Schomburg Center at the New York Public Library, will be the keynote speaker. A well-known scholar, editor and political activist, Smith will address her current research into the history of African-American lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

Topics might include, but are not limited to, the following areas: Diversity in Sexuality; Intersections of Racism and Homophobia; Lesbian and transgender issues in Communities of Color; Performance art of any kind; Sexuality in the Visual Arts, Literature, Film, Video, Drama, Opera, Television, and Popular Culture; Queer Social Movements; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or HIV Activism; Butch/Femme Roles; Politics of S/M; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Histories; Heterosexism; Scientific Research in Sexual Orientations; Coming Out Stories; Lesbian and Gay Youth; Religion and Homosexuality; Photographic Essays.

The format will be a series of one-hour time blocks dedicated to both individual presentations and panel formats in which 2-3 speakers will present their work. There will also be space for a number of poster presentations. We require a one page description that describes the nature of the presentation. This should include the title, approximate length of the presentation, expected visual/audio aids required, and a brief description that conveys the significance of the work. Proposals should be submitted as early as possible but must be received by December 1, 1995. They can be mailed to: Gary Burkholder, University of Rhode Island, Department of Psychology, 301 Chafee Building, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881. Telephone inquiries can be made by contacting Gary at (401) 331-3122. The site of the symposium is wheelchair accessible, and special accommodations for those requiring additional services can be arranged by calling (401) 792-2285 (TDD/voice).